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INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JA, KS

SUBJ: NEW AMBASSADOR ASSIGNED TO SEOUL?

1. FOREIGN OFFICE IS EMBARRASSED OVER DEC 4 PRESS ACCOUNTS THAT AMBASSADOR TO CANADA AKIRA NISHIYAMA WILL REPLACE USHIROKU AS CHIEF OF GOJ MISSION IN SEOUL. NORTHEAST ASIA DIV DIR SEO TOLD EMBOFFS THAT NISHIYAMA ASSIGNMENT STILL BEING CONSIDERED WITHIN FONOFF AND HASNOT EVEN BEEN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH KOREANS. NEWS STORIES RESULT OF VERY PREMATURE LEAK, WHICH PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE IN VIEW EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF ASSIGNMENT, SEO ADDED.

2. COMMENT: PART OF FONOFF SENSITIVITY DUE TO RECENT ARTICLES IN JAPANESE PRESS DESCRIBING USHIROKU AS WEAK SPOKESMAN FOR GOJ POINT OF VIEW WHOSE PERFORMANCE DURING CRISIS FOLLOWING DEATH OF MRS. PARK INCURRED WRATH OF SUPERIORS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WILL COST HIM HIS JOB. WHETHER TRUE OR NOT (USHIROKU DOES NOT GET HIGH MARKS IN FONOFF FOR FORCEFULNESS), GOJ OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT WANT HANDLE REPLACEMENT IN WAY THAT WILL EMBARRASS USHIROKU, WHO DUE ANYWAY TO RETIRE SOON AFTER LONG CAREER. SHOESMITH

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